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Denali Training Fund Quarterly Progress Report

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Name of Organization: Yuut Elitnaurviat

Name of Project: Youth Driver's Education Program


Reporting Period: 1/1/09 – 3/30/09

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Expenditures to date: \$44,307.95

Certification: I certify that the information in this report is current, correct and true and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

Signed by:  Dated 4/15/09

1. In a few sentences, please describe the scope of your project:
Yuut Elitnaurviat is offering AAA Certified Behind the Wheel training to Youth in the YK Delta Region

2. Project Activities for this Reporting Period:

Describe the grant activities that happened during this report period. Include planning, advertisement and/or training performance that occurred this quarter? List any accomplishments achieved. (Attach advertisements if applicable)

We trained two students during the quarter both of whom received their Alaska Driver's Licenses.

Our instructor attended the regional Job Fair in March and has recruited 8 students for April classes. It would appear we are finally getting a little momentum for this very much needed program.

3. Scheduled Project Activities/Important Dates for next quarter:

Describe your planned activities and training for next few months. Please include important dates like graduation, site visits, travel, job fairs, etc.

Our program staff are planning to attend a job fair in Chevak. Our instructor is also planning a trip to Tooksook Bay to offer the classroom portion of the program in the village. She will then bring students into Bethel 3 at a time to do the behind the wheel portion and to proctor driving exams.

4. a. How many are in your training program during this reporting period?

2

b. How many people have been trained and/or certified to date from this grant?

16

(Please complete form below.)

5. Please list complete the list by putting the community to which each individual trained is from, the type of training and certification, the graduation date and who will employ them upon completion of training.

Community where trainee lives	Type of Training/ Service	Type of Certification to be earned/earned	Dates of training	Graduation Date	Employment commitment after training is complete
Bethel	Behind the Wheel	ADL	3-09	3-19-09	YKHC
Bethel	Behind the Wheel	ADL	3-09	3-11-09	HS student who works for family owned electrical business

Please copy and use another sheet if you need more spaces.

6. Please identify any problems or changes in your training project that will affect the budget, scope or timeline of the project. Is your training on schedule? What are the reasons for any difficulties or delays? Are you over budget/under budget? Have you had to change the initial scope?

Please provide an explanation to this change and your resolution to the variance.

7. How are you or will you be evaluating the individuals being trained to ensure competency, skill level and understanding? (Testing, assessment, etc)

Students complete modules throughout the class and ultimately receive an Alaska Driver's License.

8. Please identify areas that we can assist you in the future.

We have been struggling with this program. We spent the first two quarters developing the infrastructure we need to have on going training delivered by our own staff. We have created a AAA Certified Driving School approved by the State of Alaska. In January our instructor was unsuccessful advertising her first class and she is now getting more oversight from myself and other program staff to make sure she is doing adequate outreach now. In February she then suffered from a knee injury that required surgery and kept her from Behind the Wheel for most of the month while she recovered. The two students she did have were successful in obtaining an ADL.

The other issue we have encountered is a lack of motivation on the part of “youth” and the staff that work with them. We found school districts to be “too busy” and most claimed not to value Driver’s Education in the face of other overwhelming tasks. Out of School youth we discovered are also not as motivated to obtain a license. We had adults clamoring to get into the classes because they understand the value and employment options that come with the credential.

In April things seem to be looking up as the word spreads. We are getting more definitive interest from school districts and we are using personal relationships to try to get in and out of school youth in specific villages involved. We have 8 students signed up for April classes and anticipate another 10-12 villagers will receive training in May and June.

The models we will pilot in the 4th quarter will involve staff traveling to a village to teach the classroom portion of the course to a large group. We will then bring students 3-4 at a time to streamline the length of time they will need to be in Bethel and will help keep costs as reasonable as possible. We are also trying to reach college students by offering classes around their schedule. These students will greatly benefit from the credential. Especially since many will transition into degree programs in Anchorage and Fairbanks. Many of the degrees pursued will require these students to have ADLs to get employment post-graduation.

We think we are finally on track and will continue to refine delivery as we try out these new delivery models. We are requesting that our funds be extended beyond June 30th and we would like permission to implement a “tuition” model for youth so we can bill for our instructor’s time as she actually works with youth students. This frees her to charge the same “tuition” to adults and opens up ADL training to them as well. We are charging adults \$900, which includes books, classroom training, behind the wheel training (10+ hours) in our Driver’s Ed vehicle, fuel, test proctoring, and all DMV fees. Travel expenses are not included.

Please contact our offices with any additional questions. We really appreciate your patience as we work out the kinks in this program and welcome suggestions and feedback.